

EXHIBIT D  
AFFIDAVIT OF RITA SCHIMPFF

it by the Grand Lodge representatives, who reported to the grand master that the craftsmen had done their job well. "

San Antonio *Daily Express*, June 4, 1899, p. 15, col. 3.

The Daily Express also mentioned:

"among the most interesting articles deposited in the cornerstone was the testament given by James E. Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a member of the famous third Texas from Ross Cavalry and was captured by the Federals on the Big Black in Mississippi in 1863 and sent to the military prison at Alton Illinois where he was kept 22 months. During his long imprisonment he was presented with the testament by a fellow prisoner and when he was released brought it home with him. It is a time-stained and well worn, but has been highly treasured by its possessor. Mr. Thomas is father of Seymour Thomas who has won fame as an artist and his wife is a daughter of the late S.W. Blount of Nacogdoches, the last of the signers of the Texas declaration of Independence to pass away."

San Antonio *Daily Express*, June 4, 1899, p. 15, col. 6.

The San Antonio Daily Light mentioned these articles were place in the corner stone:

"several Confederate bills and coins, a Confederate flag bearing the name of Jefferson Davis with a wreath of violets, pressed flowers from Winnie Davis' coffin, the daily newspapers and an Old Testament given by J. E. Thomas who was a prisoner in Alton, Illinois for 22 months inscribed "this testament placed in the corner stone by me as a present from a fellow prisoner in 1863 in Alton Illinois." (Signed) J. E. Thomas

San Antonio *Daily Light*, June 4, 1899, p. 1, col 6. This article mentions flowers from Winnie Davis' coffin.

"The night the monument was taken down, a councilman posted on FaceBook that it was going to happen immediately. My husband and I went down to Travis Park and watched for a time. It was about 10:30 p.m. I was very concerned that they were taking it down so soon. The City Council had just that same day authorized the removal. I asked the police officers present who was watching over this? Who from the Daughters was watching while they take it down as the Daughters owned the monument and time



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"My name is Rita Schimpff; I am over the age of eighteen, and am capable of *providing this statement and affidavit.*

"I am providing this statement and affidavit of my own personal knowledge, freely and willingly, as part of a lawsuit filed by the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter, No. 2060 against the City of San Antonio.

"I am a member of the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter No. 2060 since 1995. I have been a board member in the past.

"I have researched the Travis Park monument at the Municipal archives and elsewhere. As part of my research, I located the attached article from the June 4, 1899 San Antonio *Daily Express*, June 4, 1899. An accurate copy of that article is attached to this statement. That article describes a box that went inside the corner stone. The article states that

"Before the metal box was placed into the stone, the following articles were placed in it: the Roster, Constitution and By-laws of the Barnard E. Bee chapter; a prayer book carried by the son of one of the Barnard E. Bee chapter members during the civil war; a small Confederate flag *bearing the name* of Jefferson Davis in gold letters and a wreath of violets; coins from the Albert Sidney Johnston camp of Confederate Veterans; copy of the Texas Freemason, of the Daily Express, copy of the Evening Light; \$100 Confederate treasury note; two Confederate badges; names of members of the Grand Lodge conducting the ceremonies; several Confederate buttons; members of Grand Lodge conducting the ceremonies; copy of the brilliant and beautiful tribute to Jefferson Davis delivered by Master Harry Hertzberg of San Antonio at the closing exercises of the Seely Institute; a photo of the designer of the monument, Miss Virginia Montgomery of New Orleans who, with the lofty patriotism of the Southern woman, has steadfastly declined the generous compensation offered her for her artistic services by the Daughters of the Confederacy; photograph of Mrs. A.W. Houston, president, Barnard E. Bee chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, with brief biographical sketch; small testament by Janes E. Thomas, to whom it was presented by a Confederate comrade in the Federal prison at Alton, Ill. 38 years ago; several newspaper clippings; etc."

San Antonio *Daily Express*, June 4, 1899, p. 15, col. 3. The article then added:

"When the box had been closed and the stone lowered into its place the corn of plenty, the oil of peace and wine of joy were poured upon

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I have been given an opportunity to review this statement and to make any necessary changes."

Signed on Dec 20, 2017.

  
Rita Schimpff



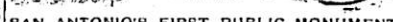
capsule? They just told me to talk to City Hall and I was told I could not stand on the sidewalk and take a photo through the chain link fence. I was concerned because I knew there was a time capsule inside the foundation with many historical, valuable and irreplaceable items, as described in the Daily Express article above and other sources. As members of the ASJ chapter over the years, I had come to know there were many items placed in the time capsule. It was oral tradition in the ASJ chapter that there was a time capsule placed in the foundation of the monument and that we had inherited the monument and time capsule and were to care for them.”

“I spoke to the City Council about the statue before it was taken down. Like everybody else, I only had 2 or 3 minutes to talk. I let the Council members know both verbally and in writing that I did not think they owned a deed to the park or the monument. I felt like the Council members kind of tuned me out when I said that. They seemed to look away after I said that. I felt very uneasy during the whole evening as my German surname was flashed on the screen as an upcoming speaker and over and over speakers against the monument called the people who supported the monument Nazi's and white supremacists. The anti-monument speakers and audience chants made me scared to walk to my car that late at night. The people opposed to the monument would often chant things whenever they heard something they liked or didn't like.

“The pressed flowers from the funeral coffin of Winnie Davis are a big deal. Winnie Davis was the daughter of Jefferson Davis, born during the Civil War. She became the human face of the South's efforts to reunify the country and emerge from poverty caused by the war. She died a year before our corner stone was laid. The UDC President General met her funeral train and placed flowers on her coffin as it traveled across the South to its final resting place. The flowers in the Travis Park corner stone were very likely from this funeral train. They would have *substantial value to any* collector of Civil War memorabilia. They are irreplaceable.

“The news articles mention Confederate buttons being place in the time capsule. These could be from the cockades (arm bands/mourning badges) the UDC President General asked us to wear when Winnie died. Those would also have significant value to any collector of Civil War memorabilia.”



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SAN ANTONIO'S FIRST PUBLIC MONUMENT